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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CHARGING GVN FAILURE TO ENSURE
"DECOCRATIC LIBERTIES"

1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, HANOI AND THE "PRG" HAVE SINCE
THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT JANUARY 27, 1973, CONDUCTED
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STRIDENT PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GVN HAS

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FAILED TO ENSURE DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POLULATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 11 OF THE AGREEMENT. THE COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES OF COURSE GRANT NO RPT NO DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES IN THE AREAS THEY CONTROL; BUT THIS IS DIFFICULT TO VERIFY BECAUSE OF THE TIGHT CONTROLS THEY MAINTAIN OVER REPORTING OF ANY KIND IN NVN AND IN THE "PRG" AREAS OF SVN. NONETHELESS, THERE ARE CLEAR EVIDENCES OF COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 11 IN THE GVN AREA OF SVN WHERE, AS IS SELDOM REALIZED OUTSIDE VIETNAM, THE COMMUNISTS IN MANY WAYS DENY DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES TO THE POPULATION AND DO SO ON A LARGE SCALE.

2. IN DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION WITH OFFICIALS AND OTHERS IN HOST COUNTRIES, ADDRESSEES MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE CONTRAST BETWEEN COMMUNIST WORDS AND DEEDS CITING THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES:

3. BY INTERDICTING ROADS AND CANALS IN SVN WITH THEIR FORCES, BY ESTABLISHING ILLEGAL CHECKPOINTS, AND BY USE OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS ALONG ROADS AND CANALS, THE COMMUNISTS DENY THE POPULATION "FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT."

4. BY TERRORIST ACTS, INCLUDING ASSASSINATION OF INDIVIDUALS, MINING OF ROADS, MORTARING OF POPULATED AREAS, ETC., THE COMMUNISTS DENY THE POPULATION "PERSONAL FREEDOM."

5. BY KIDNAPPING, ABDUCTING, AND OTHERWISE FORCING PERSONS TO MOVE FROM THEIR HOMES, THE COMMUNISTS DENY "FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE," "FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT" AND IN MANY CASES "FREEDOM OF WORK."

6. IN MANY OF THE GVN CONTROLLED AREAS OF SVN THE COMMUNISTS EXACT WHAT THEY CALL "TAXATION;." THIS THEY DO BY THREATENING DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE .
IN REALITY THIS IS ORDINARY MAFIA TYPE EXTORTION, A CRIMINAL ACT IN THE US AND ELSEWHERE. BY SUCH EXTORTION THEY DEPRIVE THE POPULATION OF THE "RIGHT TO PROPERTY OWNERSHIP" AND IN MANY CASES TO THE "RIGHT TO FREE ENTERPRISE."

7. IT IS COMMON COMMUNIST PRACTICE TO THREATEN DEATH TO
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PERSONS PERFORMING THEIR CIVIC DUTY OF REPORTING, AND SPEAKING OUT CONCERNING, ILLEGAL ACTS, SUCH AS ASSASSINATION AND ESPIONAGE, COMMITTED BY THE COMMUNISTS THEMSELVES. IN THIS WAY THE POPULATION IS OFTEN DENIED "FREEDOM OF SPEECH."

8. IN ADDITION TO ENSURANCE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, ARTICLE 11 CALLS FOR PROHIBITION OF "ALL ACTS OF REPRISAL AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COLLABORATED WITH

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ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER." SINCE THE CEASEFIRE THE COMMUNISTS HAVE VIOLATED THIS PROHIBITION COUNTLESS TIMES BY TERRORIST CRIMES WHICH ARE REPORTED NEARLY DAILY IN THE PRESS.

9. IN DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF ENSURING DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMVENT, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 11 HAS BEEN MADE IMPOSSIBLE BY THE CONTINUING COMMUNIST REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY THE CEASEFIRE. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IN THE LA CELLE ST. CLOUD TALKS WITH THE "PRG" THE GVN HAS BEEN URGING THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED FROM THE TWO SVN DELEGATIONS TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES AND COME UP WITH AN AGREEMENT ON THE MATTER IN THIRTY DAYS; BUT THAT THE COMMUNISTS UNIFORMLY REPLY WITH PROPAGANDA BLASTS AT THE GVN DELEGATION AND REFUSE TO ENTER INTO SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

10. FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES, FOLLOWING IS ARTICLE II OF PARIS AGREEMENT:

QUOTE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEASEFIRE, THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES WILL:
-- ACHIEVE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, END HATRED AND ENMITY, PROHIBIT AND ACTS OF REPRISAL AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE COLLABORATED WITH ONE SIBE OR THE OTHER;
-- ENSURE THE DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES OF THE PEOPLE: PERSONAL FREEDOM, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, FREEDOM OF MEETING, FREEDOM OF ORGANIZATION, FREEDOM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, FREEDOM OF BELIEF, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, FREEDOM OF RESIDENCE, FREEDOM OF WORK, RIGHT TO PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, AND RIGHT TO FREE ENTERPRISE.
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